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March 14, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

Isidro Carmona Sanchez,

Plaintiff,

VS.

R Jenkins, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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CIVIL NO. 4:20-CV-03888

**ORDER SETTING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

**TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:**

The above matter was referred to Magistrate Judge Christina Bryan for mediation. You are hereby notified that the mediation is scheduled for:

**May 15, 2025, at 1:00 pm. via Zoom**

**REQUIRED ATTENDANCE AT THE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

Absent *advance approval* from the Court, the following persons or representatives must attend the mediation:

- The attorneys who will try the case;
- All parties (if the party is not an individual, then a representative of the party who maintains full authority to negotiate and decide the terms on which to settle the case);
- A representative of any insurance company that will be responsible for funding all or part of a settlement or whose consent is required to settle the case.

No other persons may participate in the mediation absent the advance consent of opposing counsel and Judge Bryan. For example, no experts, union representatives, or other third parties shall attend absent agreement *in advance* of the mediation. *See* S.D. TEX. LOCAL RULE 16.4.F.

### **ATTENDING THE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM**

Because of the coronavirus' impact on the operations of the federal courts, the Court will conduct this conference by videoconference using the Zoom platform. Instructions for joining the meeting will be emailed to all before the conference. Plan to join the conference at least 10 minutes before the scheduled hearing time.

In order to participate in the upcoming settlement conference, you will need the following:

#### **Required Equipment**

- a computer with a camera and microphone and access to internet service; or
- a smart phone with a camera

#### **Required Software**

- the Zoom app
  - If you will be using a computer during the settlement conference, the free Zoom software is available on the Zoom website (zoom.us). Click on the "Resources" tab at the top right of the screen and select "Download Zoom Client." Click the "Download" button under the heading "Zoom Client for Meetings" and follow the instructions.
  - If you will be using a smartphone during the settlement conference, the free Zoom software is available in the Apple Store for Apple devices and Google Play for Android devices.
- You do not have to register with Zoom.

### **PRIOR SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS**

If any settlement discussions have occurred prior to the settlement conference, the negotiations will pick up from those discussions. The parties shall not backtrack from prior settlement discussions.

### **CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT**

No later than **12:00 pm on May 8, 2025** each party shall **email a confidential settlement conference statement to Judge Bryan's case manager, Melissa Morgan (melissa\_morgan@txs.uscourts.gov)**. The confidential statement **should not be filed** with the Clerk of the Court, **nor served** upon the other parties. Brevity is encouraged.

The confidential mediation statement shall include the following:

1. A brief summary of the relevant procedural history, including any pending motions;
2. A brief statement of the facts of the case;

3. A brief statement of the claims and defenses, including the elements of each claim/defense, the statutory or legal authority for the claims/defenses, and citations to important case law;
4. The relief sought in the lawsuit;
5. A description of the major issues in dispute;
6. An estimate of the cost and time to be expended for further discovery, pretrial and trial;
7. A forthright evaluation of the parties' likelihood of prevailing on the claims and defenses;
8. A description of the party's positions regarding settlement, including a history of past settlement discussions, offers and demands and any perceived obstacles to settlement;
9. The name, title, and responsibilities of each person that will attend the mediation.

**PRE-SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE CALL**

The Court will hold a conference call with attorneys only on **May 14, 2025, at 02:00 p.m.** The purpose of the call is to discuss the process of and preparation for the Settlement Conference. If any counsel desires to speak to Judge Bryan *ex parte* regarding a confidential issue or any issue they do not want to discuss in front of opposing counsel, counsel may schedule a subsequent *ex parte* call. **The parties shall call at the appointed date and time:**

Dial by your location  
• +1 669 254 5252 US

Meeting ID: 161 232 3222  
Passcode: 7007

Once these steps are completed you are ready to begin the conference

Court Procedures: Information on the Court's practices and procedures and how to reach Court personnel may be obtained at the Clerk's website at [www.txs.uscourts.gov](http://www.txs.uscourts.gov) or from the intake desk of the Clerk's office.

Signed on March 14, 2025, at Houston, Texas.

  
Christina A. Bryan  
United States Magistrate Judge